

DM, IGA contacts with PT counterparts

Conversations with Alexandra Sutton in Ontario:

Feb 3: Spoke with Alexandra and offered to connect our Public Safety people with theirs to share information based on the experience in Ottawa.

Feb 9: Spoke with Alexandra Sutton in Ontario two times about the current situation. I raised the discussions taking place through the Transport side about using a variety of tools and levers to create economic disincentives for blockades. She asked what further work we were doing to take actions to secure the border given that is our responsibility. I said we continue to look at whatever we can do, but our authorities relate to the bridge and the port of entry itself. The second conversation was about logistics relating to the call between the Premier and the Prime Minister that was to take place that evening.

Feb 10: I spoke with Alexandra Sutton to touch base on the situation

Feb 11: We spoke briefly about discussions underway between the two governments, and the work underway in Windsor and Ottawa. We discussed Premier Ford's move to enact emergency powers. Noted that discussions were underway with the Americans on potential travel restrictions for those involved in an illegal blockade.

Feb 12: We spoke briefly about the current situation, the good collaboration between levels of government. Mentioned that AGC was planning to support an injunction request by the City of Ottawa.

Conversations with Michael Richards in Manitoba:

Feb 11: Called Michael Richards further to the Premier's letter to ask whether they are concerned about connections between CBSA, RCMP and the province. He informed me that good connections are in place and they have what they need to deal with the blockade at Emerson. He let me know that the Premier's letter was more about the issues related to the pandemic and vaccine mandates.

Feb 15: A meeting was organized between Michael Richards, Francois Daigle, DM of Justice, and the Associate DM of Justice in Manitoba in order to hear and discuss Manitoba's concerns about the lack of consultations and the necessity of the Act in Manitoba. We explained the federal perspective, noted that reasons for invoking the Act would be tabled in Parliament and that these would be debated. We said we would be available to answer any questions they have.

Conversations with Gilbert Charland in Quebec:

Feb 3: I called Gilbert to offer connections with our Public Safety DM to share information based on the experience in Ottawa.

Feb 15: Nathalie Drouin and I offered a quick briefing session for Gilbert and colleagues from the Department of Justice on the use of the Emergencies Act.

Conversation with Coleen Volk in Alberta:

Feb 4: I spoke with Coleen Volk to open a line of communication around the events happening in Coutts. We connected the federal Deputy Minister of Public Safety with his counterpart in Alberta.

Multilateral:

February 15, 17: FPT DMs of IGA calls